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SUBJECT: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, MAY 18, 1977: AGENDA

ITEM IVD, REPORT BY THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS

DIRECTORS

1. ACTING SYG PANSA BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF THE CNAD REPORT, C-M(77)27(REVISED). HE THEN SAID THAT WE MUST SEEK MEANS TO ESTABLISH MORE EQUIPMENT PROJECTS WITH WIDER PARTICIPATION BY NATIONS AND THAT WE MUST SPEED UP THE SEARCH FOR A SYSTEM OF ARMAMENTS PLANNING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NATIONS A MEANS TO PLAN ORDERLY AND TIMELY FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS.

2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (ZEINER GUNDER-SEN) SAID HE SUPPORTED THE CHAIR'S SECOND SUGGESTION AND REMINDED DEFENSE MINISTERS THAT, IN RESPONSE TO MINIS-

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TERIAL GUIDANCE 1975, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD PROPOSED A CYCLIC APPROACH TO ARMAMENTS PLANNING. HE SAID THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IS WATCHING MOST CAREFULLY THE PRESENT PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM (PAPS) WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE CNAD; AND, ALTHOUGH THIS IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE INVOLVING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AS WELL AS MILITARY INTERESTS, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT A

LONG-TERM PLANNING APPROACH IS FUNDAMENTAL. HE HOPED
MINISTERS TODAY COULD AGREE TO THE NEED TO SPEED UP THE
WORK ON PAPS AND THAT PAPS SHOULD EMBRACE THE WIDER
ASPECTS OF LONG-TERM PLANNING.

3. PANSA THEN CALLED ON DEFENSE MINISTERS TO NOTE THE
STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND TO
AGREE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE REPORT.
THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. BENNETT

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